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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. The documents authored by Tanaka et al. and Terada et al. are Japanese language documents. An English language Abstract has been provided for each of these documents. The document authored by Soler-Singla et al. is in the Spanish language. If the Examiner would like translations of any of the non-English portions of these documents, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 202-408-4488 and Applicants will have translations prepared and provided to the Examiner.

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